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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 31 January 2008.
2. Claims 1, 8-10, 18-20 and 28-30 were amended.
3. Claims 1-30 are pending in this Office Action.

Response to Amendment

4. Applicant's amendments and arguments with respect to 1-30 filed on 31 January 2008 have been fully considered but they are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 2, 8, 10-12, 18, 20-22, 28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishiyama et al. (U.S. 6,904,466) and further in view of Kim (U.S. 7,116,654).

Ishiyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed including the disclosed mobile communication scheme enables easy change of a connected location of a mobile computer on the IP network when the mobile computer leaves its home network, without requiring the use of a home agent, while providing a sufficient level of security. The mobile computer transmits a packet from a visited site network to a correspondent by encapsulating an inner packet having a home address as an original source address within an outer packet having a current location address as a source address. The correspondent which received this encapsulated packet recognizes the source addresses of the outer and inner packets of the encapsulated packet as the current location address and the home address of the mobile computer, respectively, so that the correspondent can transmit a packet to the mobile computer thereafter by encapsulating an inner packet having the home address as a final destination address within an outer packet having the current location address as a destination address.

7. With respect to claim 1, Ishiyama teaches a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node, with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

6. With respect to claim 2, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 1, including the method of further comprising the steps performed by the mobile node of:

Connecting to a new network location; receiving a second network address differing from the current address previously registered with the authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 55-58); registering the second network address with the authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 9, lines 11-13); and issuing a first binding update to a correspondent node to which a connection was previously created while the mobile node resided at the first network address, wherein a specified destination address for the first binding update specifies a first correspondent node address (Ishiyama, col. 8, line 66 – col. 9, line 10).

7. With respect to claim 8, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 1, including a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node,

with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35) and the method wherein specifying the supplementary value comprises specifying a time-to-live (TTL) value of zero (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

8. With respect to claim 10, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 1, including the method wherein the authoritative name server is a domain name system (DNS) server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14).
9. Claims 11, 12, 18, 20-22, 28 and 30 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 1, 2, 8 and 10 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

10. Claims 3, 6, 7, 13, 16, 17, 23, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishiyama in view of Kim and further in view of Comstock (U.S. 6,452,920).
11. With respect to claim 3, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 2, including a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node, with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

The combination of Ishiyama and Kim do not teach the use of a binding update.

However, Comstock teaches the method further comprising the steps of: receiving, by the mobile node, a binding update acknowledgement from the correspondent node; and restoring a disrupted connection between the mobile node and correspondent node (Comstock, col. 3, lines 28-39).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Ishiyama and Kim in view of Comstock in order to enable the use of a binding update. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the changing of a computing device's point of attachment to the Internet.

12. With respect to claim 6, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 2, including a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node, with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the

current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

The combination of Ishiyama and Kim does not explicitly teach a tunnel between a mobile node and a virtual private network server.

However, Comstock teaches the method wherein the new network location resides outside a home network of the mobile node, and wherein the method comprises the further step of: establishing a tunnel connection between the mobile node and a virtual private network server; receiving, by the mobile node, a local network address specified by the virtual private network server, wherein the second network address corresponds to the local network address (Comstock, col. 3, lines 28-39).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Ishiyama and Kim in view of Comstock in order to enable the use of a binding update. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the changing of a computing device's point of attachment to the Internet.

13. With respect to claim 7, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 2, including a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node, with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step

comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

The combination of Ishiyama and Kim do not teach the use of a binding update.

However, Comstock teaches the method further comprising the step of: initiating, by the mobile node, a binding connection through a rendezvous server residing outside the home network (Comstock, col. 3, lines 28-39).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Ishiyama and Kim in view of Comstock in order to enable the use of a binding update. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the changing of a computing device's point of attachment to the Internet.

14. Claims 13, 16, 17, 23, 26 and 27 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 3, 6 and 7 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

15. Claims 4, 5, 9, 14, 15, 19, 24, 25 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishiyama in view of Kim in view of Comstock and further in view of Millet (U.S. 6,434,627).
16. With respect to claim 4, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 2, including a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node, with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

The combination of Ishiyama and Kim do not teach the use of a binding update.

However, Comstock teaches the method wherein the mobile node performs the further steps of: registering a binding update failure with regard to the first binding update issued to the correspondent node at the first correspondent node address (Comstock, col. 5, lines 2-7).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Ishiyama and Kim in view of Comstock in order to enable the use of a binding update. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the changing of a computing device's point of attachment to the Internet.

The combination of Ishiyama, Kim and Comstock does not explicitly teach issuing a naming query requesting the address of a node.

However, Millet teaches issuing a naming query requesting a current address of the correspondent node (Millet, col. 10, lines 22-42).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Ishiyama, Kim and Comstock in view of Millet in order to enable issuing a naming query requesting the address of a node. One would be motivated to do so in order to enable address translation systems for mapping IP addresses of the mobile nodes to globally unique IP addresses available on a network where mobile nodes temporarily attach.

17. With respect to claim 5, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 4, including a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node,

with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

The combination of Ishiyama and Kim do not teach the use of a binding update.

However, Comstock teaches the method further comprising the steps performed by the mobile node of: issuing a second binding update to the correspondent node, wherein a specified destination address for the second binding update specifies the second correspondent node address (Comstock, col. 4, line 66 – col. 5, line 7).

The combination of Ishiyama, Kim and Comstock does not explicitly teach issuing a naming query requesting the address of a node.

However, Millet teaches receiving a naming query response to the naming query including a second correspondent node address for the correspondent node that differs from the first correspondent node address (Millet, col. 10, lines 22-51).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Ishiyama, Kim and Comstock in view of Millet in order to enable issuing a naming query requesting the address of a node. One would be motivated to do so in order to enable address translation systems for mapping IP addresses of the mobile nodes to globally unique IP addresses available on a network where mobile nodes temporarily attach.

18. With respect to claim 9, Ishiyama teaches the invention described in claim 2, including a method for facilitating maintaining connectivity between a mobile network node and a correspondent node after the mobile network node changes addresses, the method comprising performing, by the mobile node, the steps of: registering an address, for the mobile node, with an authoritative name server (Ishiyama, col. 8, lines 9-14), wherein the registering step comprises: specifying a current address for the mobile node (Ishiyama, col. 7, line 64 – col. 8, line 6).

Ishiyama does not explicitly teach a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers.

However, Kim teaches specifying a supplementary value that ensures the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers (Kim, col. 7, lines 19-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ishiyama in view of Kim in order to enable a method of ensuring the current address will not be cached within non-authoritative name servers. One would be

motivated to do so in order to facilitate the correspondent node delivering packets directly to the current care-of address of the mobile host.

The combination of Ishiyama and Kim do not teach the use of a binding update.

However, Comstock teaches the method further comprising: issuing a naming query requesting a current address of the correspondent node, before receiving a response to the first binding update (Comstock, col. 5, lines 38-56); issuing a second binding update to the correspondent node, wherein a specified destination address for the second binding update specifies the second correspondent node address (Comstock, col. 4, line 66 – col. 5, line 7).

The combination of Ishiyama, Kim and Comstock does not explicitly teach issuing a naming query requesting the address of a node.

However, Millet teaches receiving a naming query response to the naming query including a second correspondent node address for the correspondent node; determining that the second correspondent node address differs from the first correspondent node address (Millet, col. 10, lines 22-51).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Ishiyama, Kim and Comstock in view of Millet in order to enable issuing a naming query requesting the address of a node. One would be motivated to do so in order to enable address translation systems for mapping IP addresses of the mobile nodes to globally unique IP addresses available on a network where mobile nodes temporarily attach.

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19. Claims 14, 15, 19, 24, 25 and 29 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 4, 5 and 9 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

Response to Arguments

20. Applicant's arguments filed 31 January 2008 have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Baturay whose telephone number is (571) 272-3981. The examiner can normally be reached at 7:30am - 5pm, Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Pwu can be reached on (571) 272-6798. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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